

**FLIESLER  
DUBB  
MEYER &  
LOVEJOY LLP**

FOUR EMBARCADERO CENTER, FOURTH FLOOR  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA 94111-4156  
TELEPHONE 415.362.3800  
FACSIMILE 415.362.2928

---

---

**C O N F I D E N T I A L**

TO: USPTO-Art Unit Group 1623, Examiner-Howard V. Owens, Jr.

FAX NO.: 703.872.9306 **FAX RECEIVED**

FROM: D. Benjamin Borson, Reg. No. 42,349 **APR 23 2003**

RE: Application No. 09/472,110, Conf. No. 8339 **GROUP 1600**

DATE: April 22, 2003 Total Pages : 22

**OFFICIAL**

Original will follow by mail: No.

If you do not receive all of the pages, please call Bruce Ponte at 415.362.3800.

MESSAGE (if any):

Attached hereto for filing:

1. PTO-SB/21 - General Transmittal Form
2. Response to Office Action Dated: March 24, 2003.

---

**NOTICE:** This facsimile is *confidential and may be attorney-client privileged, work product, and/or otherwise exempt from disclosure* under applicable law.

---

This facsimile is intended only for the addressee and those authorized by the addressee to receive it. Any use, dissemination, distribution or copying of this facsimile by any others is prohibited. Any others receiving this facsimile are requested to notify FLIESLER DUBB MEYER & LOVEJOY LLP immediately by telephone or fax and to return the original facsimile to FLIESLER DUBB MEYER & LOVEJOY LLP.

---

PTO/SB/21 (01-03)

Approved for use through 04/30/2003. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b> (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	09/472,110	
	Filing Date	12/27/1999	
	First Named Inventor	Herbert E. Schwartz	
	Art Unit	1623	
	Examiner Name	Howard V. Owens, Jr.	
Total Number of Pages in This Submission	21	Attorney Docket Number	FZIO-01000US4

ENCLOSURES (Check all that apply)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):
Remarks There is no fee due with this communication. However, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due, or credit any overpayments to Dep. Acct. No. 06-1325, in the name of Fliesler, Dubb, Meyer & Lovejoy, LLP. Customer No. 23910		

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT		
Firm or Individual	D. Benjamin Borson Fliesler Dubb Meyer & Lovejoy LLP	Registration No.: 42,349
Signature	<i>D. Benjamin Borson</i>	
Date	04/22/2003	

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION/MAILING			
I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the USPTO or deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on this date: 04/22/2003			
Typed or printed	D. Benjamin Borson		
Signature	<i>D. Benjamin Borson</i>	Date	04/22/2003

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.5. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 12 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

If you need assistance in completing the form, call 1-800-PTO-9199 (1-800-786-9199) and select option 2.

Attorney Docket No.: FZIO-1000US4

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## In re Application

Inventor(s): Schwartz et al.

SC/Serial No.: 09/472,110

Confirm. No.: 8339

Filed: December 27, 1999

Title: COMPOSITIONS OF POLYACIDS AND  
POLYETHERS AND METHODS FOR THEIR USE  
IN REDUCING ADHESIONSPATENT APPLICATION

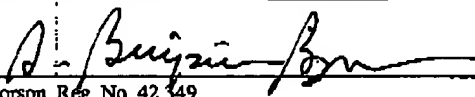
Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: Howard V. Owens Jr.

Customer No. 23910

## CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted by facsimile to the  
Commissioner for Patents, the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Examining  
Group 1623 Facsimile No. (703)872-9307, on April 22, 2003.

  
D. Benjamin Borson, Reg. No. 42,349

Signature Date: April 22, 2003

(Attorney Signature)

## RESPONSE A TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This RESPONSE A is in reply to the Office action mailed March 24, 2003.

## Amendments

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: